

AGENDA

LITIGATION SECTION OF THE STATE BAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2009
California Room-BLDG 4
Hilton Oakland Airport
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

I. CALL TO ORDER AND CHAIR'S COMMENTS (Nysten) 11:00 a.m.

II. CONSENT AGENDA 11:05 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the February 28, 2009 meeting
- B. Financial Report

**III. ACTION ITEMS (to discuss in detail after brief reports on
business matters as set forth below)**

- A. Amendment of Bylaws to include new officer position (Assistant Secretary)
- B. Election of Officers
- C. Deciding whether to hold Master Class before Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame Dinner
- D. Branding the Section -- voting on variation of "bear" logo

IV. BUSINESS MATTERS - 2009 INITIATIVES

A. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (Nysten):

1. Discuss transition to "paperless Ex Comm"
2. Reiterate need to make arrangements for workroom training with Susan Orloff: committee and working group chairs need to set up as soon as possible; ADR committee as model. Mention need to do this asap because of e-mail attachment size limitations. Perhaps set up sessions with slots in advance and fill them afterwards?
3. Toolbox--coordination with Mentoring Project
 - (a) Index of articles (5 years back) with searchable .pdfs
 - (b) Webpage with local rules links:
www.courtinfo.ca.gov/rules/localrules.htm

B. BEST PRACTICES/YOUNG LAWYERS COMMITTEES

(Bodzin/England/Cappelluti)

1. Best Practices
 - (a) San Francisco -- report re status and current lineup of speakers and topics
2. Young Lawyers
 - (a) April 27 LA -- report re how it went
 - (b) Annual Meeting Program
 - (c) New Practitioners Guide

C. OUTREACH AND DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

(Geibelson/Wright)

- (a) Per Jackie's report, focus groups are not productive
- (b) Brainstorm re events where Section can reach out to younger attorneys and determine what we can offer as a section; revamp survey we sent out several years ago (volunteers?)
- (c) Plan appearances at events at law schools in future -- Jamie Errecart will be attending events at McGeorge and UC Davis
- (e) Teleconferences with in-house/corporate counsel who are members of the Section
- (f) Program re entering the legal profession for law students and new bar admittees

D. POCKET GUIDE WORKING GROUP

(Bodzin)

- 1. E-discovery
- 2. Motion Practice
- 3. Trial Objections
- 4. Deposition Practice
- 5. Proposed Form Interrogatories for Other Specific Practice Areas (Wrongful Death, Unfair Competition, Others?)

E. HOT TOPIC WEBINAR OR BROWN BAG MEETINGS

(McGill)

- 1. Loan Modification -- Housing Crisis
- 2. Fast Case -- Alternative to Westlaw
- 3. Tour of Historic California Courthouses
- 4. Referral Network

F. ADR Committee
(Berwanger)

Refer to written report from Charlie on behalf of ADR Committee

G. LEGAL ASIA PROGRAM
(Barber/Wilson)

1. Networking event at Deacons, oldest law firm in Hong Kong, and King & Wood, largest law firm in mainland China
2. Chambers Visit program includes several small and mid-size law firms
3. Including Rimsky Yuen, Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association and Lester Huang, President of The Law Society of Hong Kong as speakers
4. Publicity: to date, only a single paragraph in the "You Need To Know" section of the California Bar Journal. This alone resulted in over 40 calls and 4 registrations.
5. Launching planned marketing effort this week with first of several e-advertisements and e-blasts, plus $\frac{1}{2}$ page ads in the CBJ starting with March issue.
6. Goal is sold-out program

H. MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS.

Witness Deposition and Cross Examination CD (Nysten)

Rough cut has been completed. Will be available for review online shortly.

V. BUSINESS MATTERS - ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Jury Instructions (Bodzin)

- (a) Any developments re new CACI instructions?

- (b) Discuss format of future reports -- keep comments on document versus stand-alone report.
Can we obtain version in Word?

2. **Litigation Review** (Fabiano/Lam)

3. **Legislative and Rules Committee** (Chatterjee)

- (a) Any new developments re proposed amendment to Code of Civil Procedure section 2031.240 re privilege logs
- (b) Anything else?

4. **Education and Program Committee** (Rodich)

- (a) 16 Programs at Annual Meeting in San Diego

5. **Law Suits Program** - (Rodich)

6. **Council of State Bar Sections** (J. Wright)

- (a) Report from most recent meeting
- (b) Council Request for Section feedback on Find a Lawyer Project

7. **Litigation Update** (Mellor)

VI. NEXT MEETING - JUNE 27 IN SAN FRANCISCO

ADJOURNMENT